

RICH MEN WHO LOVE LADIES APPEAR IN BLACKMAIL CASE

A real probe of blackmailers has been begun by State's Att'y Hoyne. The prosecutor has uncovered information which has set him on the trail of a band of crooks who vary the wiretapping game with blackmailing of wealthy men who "love the ladies."

Hoyne is planning to obtain indictments from the grand jury for Jimmy Christian, George Irwin, Homer French, Buda Godman and Doc Brady. These are the five accused of taking \$15,000 from E. R. West, wealthy clubman and vice pres. of the C. D. Gregg Tea & Coffee Co., by pretending to place him under arrest for violation of the Mann act.

Hoyne says the plot was hatched in Excelsior Springs, Mo., after a member of the gang had brought information that West was a good prospect. Buda Godman was then used as the "lure" and she succeeded in fascinating West to such an extent that he played right into their hands.

The state's attorney is also trying to induce another wealthy Chicago man, said to be a prominent society man and well-known amateur golf player, who was shaken down for more than West after a flirtation with a woman in a downtown cafe, to testify.

Hoyne said investigation by the Cook county grand jury was made possible by the fact that a good deal of the blackmail was perpetrated in Chicago. Clever con men with conversational gifts located the suckers at bars in downtown hotels patronized only by "rounders" with money.

If the sucker showed a fondness for the female of the species a girl confederate was set on his trail. When she landed him and they were alone in a hotel room the male members of the gang broke into the room, showed phoney government badges and made the victim come across. In the case of West, they dragged him all the way from New York and even

went so far as to arraign him before a fake U. S. com'r before he weakened.

West is a prominent member of the Chicago Athletic ass'n and the Exmoor Golf club. Buda Godman is the divorced wife of Tell Taylor, song writer and former member of the LaSalle musical comedy stock company. He says he married her while he was jagged.

E. R. West was in conference with Hoyne today. After the conference the state's att'y said he was undecided whether to wait for grand jury action or secure warrants for the arrest of the band responsible for the fleecing of West.

ALL SHE HAS ON IS AN O. K. AND THE WOMEN GAVE HER THAT

When A. B. Farwell, Chicago's champion vice chaser and diligent protector of public virtue, rolled his eyes, loosened his collar yesterday and suggested that there was an indecent picture hanging in the window of the Artists' Guild, Fine Arts bldg., he started something.

The painting shows a young and interesting lady who stands upon a beach and watches a big turtle, although she is in danger of being sunburned terribly all over unless she gets some kind of shade or clothing.

"Nothing impure in the nude," said Mrs. Wm. F. Grower, vice president of the Municipal Art league.

"Ridiculous!" was the comment of Mrs. H. W. Cooley, president Chicago Woman's clubs.

"Nude art is pure; corset ads are vulgar."—Mrs. Edward Lyman Lobdell.

But Farwell hasn't got anything on the girl in the picture.

Springfield, Ill. — Mrs. Antoinette Funk, former state leader of Progressive party, opened stumping campaign for Pres. Wilson here with attack on Col. Roosevelt and A. T. Hert, Republicans' western campaign manager.